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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: CG, PFOR, MASS  
SUBJECT: SHABA INVASION: REVISED CONTINGENCY EQUIPMENT PRIORITIES

REF: (A) STATE 080399, (B) KINSHASA 3265, (C) KINSHASA 3377,  
(D) STATE 082528, (E) BUCHANAN/CUTLER TELECON 13 APR.

1. GIVEN WHAT WE UNDERSTAND FROM BUCHANAN PHONE CALL TO BE A  
\$3.8 MILLION LIMIT AS OF NOW, WE HAVE GONE BACK OVER VARIOUS GOZ  
REQUESTS TO COME UP WITH FOLLOWING TOP PRIORITIES:

- A. 6000 M-16 MAGAZINES (KINSHASA 3376)
- B. RATIONS (KINSHASA 3265)
- C. MEDICAL SUPPLIES (KINSHASA 3426)
- D. COMMUNICATIONS - AN/PRC 77'S (KINSHASA 3423)
- E. C-130/CESSNA SPARES AND REPAIRS (KINSHASA 3377)

AFTER THESE ITEMS, REMAINING PRIORITIES ARE AS LISTED IN  
KINSHASA 3377.

2. THE M-16 MAGAZINES AND THE MEDICAL SUPPLIES IN THE AMOUNTS WE  
HAVE PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED ARE ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL. WE REALIZE  
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THAT THE OTHER PRIORITY ITEMS LISTED ABOVE WILL RUN OVER THE  
\$3.8 MILLION LIMIT IF SUPPLIED IN THE AMOUNTS PREVIOUSLY  
REQUESTED AND CAN ONLY SUGGEST THAT STATE/DOD COME UP WITH AS  
MUCH AS POSSIBLE WITHIN THE MONEY CONSTRAINTS.

3. IN THIS REGARD, WISH TO POINT OUT THAT INCLUSION OF PREVIOUSLY  
ORDERED C-130--WITH FY 76 MONEY--EFFECTIVELY CONSUMES MAJOR

PORTION OF \$13 MILLION, LEAVING VERY LITTLE FOR SHABA-RELATED  
ITEMS URGENTLY REQUESTED BY GOZ. ALREADY GEN. BABIA AND PRESIDENT  
MOBUTU HAVE INDICATED THEY BELIEVED C-130 (AS REPORTED BY VOA  
APRIL 13) WAS ADDITIONAL AIRCRAFT RATHER THAN ONE LONG ON ORDER.  
WHILE WE HAVE DISABUSED THEM OF THIS ILLUSION, IF THE PRESENT  
MONETARY CONSTRAINTS ARE TO BE PROLONGED WE WONDER WHETHER IT  
WOULD NOT MAKE SENSE TO DEFER (BUT NOT DELETE) DELIVERY OF THE  
C-130, AND USING \$9 MILLION THUS SAVED, FILL TRANSPORT NEEDS  
WITH WET LEASE OF TWO C-130'S IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING MORE OF  
THE OTHER EQUIPMENT ON PRIORITY LIST. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY  
WOULD BE TO USE \$1 MILLION NOW EARMARKED FOR POL TO PURCHASE  
PRIORITY ITEMS.  
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